

## NIKITA SHAH

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### EDUCATION

- FASHION INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY, NYC, USA Aug 2018-2019  
Associate Degree, Fashion Design
- NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Kannur, India Aug 2008-2012  
Bachelor of Design, Textile Design
- SWISS TEXTILE COLLEGE, Zurich, Switzerland May-Jun 2010  
Student Exchange Program

### RESIDENCIES and GRANTS

- BROOKLYN ARTS COUNCIL FUND, NYC Jan – Dec 2024  
At Home in Brooklyn - Kalamkari Story Cloth
- MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS, NYC Jan – Apr 2023  
Designer-in-Residence

### PUBLICATIONS

- PAPER MAGAZINE Jan 2024  
Slowing down with Kalamkari
- THE JUGGERNAUT Apr 2024  
How Kalamkari became Chintz
- FASHION STUDIES NETWORK, Parsons School of Design, NYC Jun 2024  
Fursat: Crafting Community, Rest and Decolonization through Traditional textile practices.
- TEXTILE SOCIETY OF AMERICA Nov 2024  
(forthcoming)  
Fursat: Crafting Community, Rest and Decolonization through Traditional textile practices
- BLOOMSBURY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD TEXTILES, Vol.4: Color Dec 2024  
(forthcoming)  
Henna's New Medium; Dilemmas in translating color and culture From skin to cloth, co-authored with Matthew Raj Webb

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- TUFTS UNIVERSITY, NYC-MA, USA Aug 2023 - 2024  
South Asian Textile History and Practices,
- MEHR BABA TRUST, Punjab, India Aug – Dec 2023  
Vocational training in Creative thinking and Design understanding for women phulkari artisans.
- MEHR BABA TRUST, Punjab, India Aug – Oct 2021  
Vocational training in Creative thinking and Design understanding for women phulkari artisans.
- INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, Hyderabad, India 2016-2018  
Introduction to Kalamkari

## WORK HISTORY

- VINTAGE INDIA NYC, NYC, USA  
Creative Director, Textile and Vintage Upcycling Expert Feb 2022-present
- INTERNATIONAL FOLK ART MARKET, Sante Fe, USA  
Hindustani Artist Mentor and Volunteer Chair Jul 2021-present
- NEST, NYC, USA  
Fellow, NEST Expert Network, NYC, USA Nov 2020-present  
Product development, craft design, and consultant for craft brands like Marasim, Legado, FivePventure, Collective Humanity, Seeds & Stories and more.
- ĀVE India Design Collective, NYC, USA Jul 2019 – Nov 2019  
Head of Operations and Retail  
Operations and retail, Shipping and Customs, Client service, Design Consultant, Staff textile training, Visual Merchandising.
- GAURANG, Hyderabad, India Oct 2012- Jun 2019  
Head Designer  
Textile Design, Costume Design, Operations, Production, Pop-up retail, Styling, Student-Artisan educational exchange
- KALAM CREATIONS, Hyderabad, India Mar 2013-Jul 2018  
Design Consultant, Teaching Assistant  
Textile Design, TA Kalamkari Workshop at IIT, Hyderabad
- M.P KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD, INDIA Nov 2011- May 2012  
Internship  
Designed and executed two collections of saris with the artisans of Maheshwar and Bagh in Madhya Pradesh for the final semester at NIFT.

## WORKSHOPS

- Mirror Embroidery, Materials for the Arts, NYC Aug 2024
- Fursat 01, Fursat 02, Brooklyn Jan 2023 – Dec 2024
- Introduction to Kalamkari, GRIOT Circle, Brooklyn Apr – Nov 2024
- Introduction to Kalamkari, LGBTQ center, Brooklyn Feb – Nov 2024
- Inter-generational healing, Mother and daughters, NJ Apr 2024
- Introduction to Kalamkari, Shopify, NYC Mar 2024
- Introduction to Kalamkari, Bloomberg x MFTA, NYC Mar 2024
- Introduction to Kalamkari, Temple of Belonging, Oregon Sep 2023
- The history and drapes of sarees, Asia Society, NYC Sep 2023
- Gujarati embroideries, Herbert Von King Cultural Center, Brooklyn Aug 2023
- Gujarati embroidery with my ancestors, Virtual May 2023
- Inter-generational healing, Mother and daughters, NJ Mar 2023,
- Introduction to Kalamkari, Agaati Foundation, CA Nov 2022
- Introduction to Kalamkari, Oakland, CA Nov 2022
- Introduction to Kalamkari, My Fabric Stash, Seattle, WA Oct 2022
- Introduction to Kalamkari, New York Textile Month, Brooklyn Sep - Oct 2022
- Upcycling through embroidery, Sustainable Fashion Week, PA Apr 2022

## FASHION PRESENTATIONS

- South Asia New York Fashion Week x Asia Society, NYC Sep 2023
- Sustainable Fashion Week, NJ Apr 2023
- Brooklyn Fashion Week, NYC Apr 2023
- South Asia New York Fashion Week Sep 2022
- Sustainable Fashion Week, NYC Sep 2021

## STYLING and COSTUME DESIGN

- Dragistan: A showcase of South Asian Drag, NYC July 2024
- Theatre in NYC: South Asian Drag, Paper Magazine May 2024
- Costume Styling, LaWhore Vagistan Oct 2023 - present
- Costume Design, Barkha Dance Co. Feb 2022-present
- Costume Styling, Wholeness, Saunak Shah, NYC Feb-July 2023
- Sari Styling, Usha Jey & troop, Vogue World Show, NYC Sept 2022
- Costume Assistant Keerthy Reddy, Mahanati, Hyderabad May 2016-2018